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SUBJECT: VISIT OF STEVE WILBUR, VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT CORPS

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1. WILBUR DISCUSSED RESULTS OF HIS VISITS TO WESTERN SAMOA, TONGA AND FIJI WITH EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 14 PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NAURU. WILBUR SAID DISCUSSIONS HE HAD IN WESTERN SAMOA AND TONGA WOULD NOT BE LIKELY TO LEAD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT CORPS PROJECTS IN THOSE LOCATIONS BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF APPROPRIATE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT COULD MAKE USE OF VDC EXPERTISE. APPARENTLY COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT HAS NOT DEVELOPED TO ANY EXTENT IN EITHER COUNTRY.

2. WILBUR WAS MORE POSITIVE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES IN FIJI, WHERE HE SAID THERE ARE POTENTIALLY FIVE PROJECTS THAT COULD USE VDC ASSISTANCE AT THE PRESENT TIME. THESE WOULD INVOLVE PLACEMENT OF VDC SPECIALISTS AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION CREDIT UNION, THE COOPERATIVES TRAINING CENTER IN LAMI, THE WORLD BANK'S LAND RECLAMATION PROJECT ON THE EASTERN COAST OF VITI LEVU, AND THE SUPPORT OF DAIRY AND POULTRY
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COOPERATIVES IN THE SUVA METROPOLITAN AREA.

3. WILBUR WAS PLEASED WITH THESE PROSPECTS AND WILL PLAN FOLLOWUP TRIP TO FIJI IN SEVERAL MONTHS TO FINALIZE PROJECT PROPOSALS. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES ALSO ENTHUSIASTIC OVER POTENTIAL VDC INVOLVEMENT IN FIJI AND WILL LIKELY GIVE ITS

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